

SENATE BILL NO. 548

BY SENATORS NEVERS AND THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7(27), relative to duties and functions of the State Board of Elementary and
3 Secondary Education; to require the board to develop a teacher exit interview system
4 for school boards; to provide for forms and interview questions; to provide for
5 reporting data; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:7(27) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

9 In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and
10 responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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12 (27)(a) By the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, develop and adopt
13 rules and regulations requiring city, parish, and other local school boards to
14 implement a system to conduct exit interviews for teachers who leave their
15 employ to ascertain their reasons for leaving and to gather information that
16 could prove useful in developing strategies to improve teacher retention rates.

17 (b) The board shall appoint a task force to assist in developing forms and
18 questions to be utilized in the exit interview.

19 (c) Each city, parish, or other local public school board shall annually
20 report on the information gathered during the teacher exit interviews conducted
21 in its system to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in a
22 manner that assures complete anonymity and confidentiality for the teacher.

23 (d) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall
24 compile and analyze the teacher exit interview information submitted by each

1 city, parish, or other local public school system each year and make a
 2 comprehensive report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House
 3 Committee on Education not later than January fifteenth of each year
 4 regarding the information collected during the prior year.

5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 9 effective on the day following such approval.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____